



# Austin City Council MINUTES

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 11, 1995

Mayor Todd called the meeting to order, noting the presence of all Councilmembers.

## ORDINANCES

1. Approve first/second/third reading of an Ordinance adopting and approving the Operating Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1995 and terminating September 30, 1996, and making appropriations for each department, project and account, including the errata.  
Ordinance 950911-A approved, on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Councilmember Reynold's second, 5-2 vote, Councilmembers Shea and Nofziger voting "NO".

### B. AMEND THE GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND EXPENSES TO ADD THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER: (see attachment)

Motion by Councilmember Garcia, second by Councilmember Reynolds to approve items 1-12 (see attachment), 7-0 vote.

Motion by Councilmember Shea, seconded by councilmember Goodman to use \$1.225 million from the Capital Reserve Account to purchase one-time capital outlay, 2-5 vote, Mayor Todd, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, Councilmembers Nofziger, Reynolds and Mitchell voting "NO".

Motion by Councilmember Shea to transfer \$1.225 million from the baseball stadium capital account.  
Motion failed due to no second.

### C. AMEND THE GENERAL FUND TO ADD THE FOLLOWING CITY COUNCIL OPTIONS: (see attachment)

1. Approved, on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Councilmember Goodman's second, 6-0-1 vote, Councilmember Shea abstaining.
2. Approved, on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Councilmember Reynolds' second, 6-0-1 vote, Councilmember Shea abstaining.

3. Approved, on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Councilmember Mitchell's second, 6-0-1 vote, Councilmember Shea abstaining.
4. Approved, on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Councilmember Goodman's second, 6-0-1 vote, Councilmember Shea abstaining.
5. Approved, on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Councilmember Reynolds' second, 6-0-1 vote, Councilmember Shea abstaining.
6. Approved, on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Councilmember Goodman's second, 6-0-1 vote, Councilmember Shea abstaining.
7. Approved, on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Councilmember Goodman's second, 5-1-1 vote, Councilmember Nofziger voting "NO", Councilmember Shea abstaining.
8. Approved, on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Councilmember Nofziger's second, 6-0-1 vote, Councilmember Shea abstaining.

Items 9 through 11, approved, on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Councilmember Reynolds' second, 6-0-1 vote, Councilmember Shea abstaining.

12. Approved, on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Councilmember Nofziger's second, 6-0-1 vote, Councilmember Shea abstaining.
13. Approved, on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Councilmember Goodman's second, 6-0-1 vote, Councilmember Shea abstaining.
14. Motion by Councilmember Goodman, to reduce Police BASICS training by \$16,000, HRD BASICS conference by \$25,000 and council food, ice and travel by \$7,000 and \$1,000 respectively and increase EMS by \$49,000, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's second.

Friendly amendment by Councilmember Mitchell, accepted by maker and seconder to, substitute Public Works awards program at \$12,200 instead of the Police BASICS training for a total of \$45,200, 7-0 vote.

15. Motion by Councilmember Shea to reduce city's payment to Travis County for jail contract by \$366,262, Councilmember Goodman's second.

Second withdrawn.

16. Motion by Councilmember Shea to direct staff to withhold payment on the jail contract until EMS issues have been resolved.

No second.

17. Motion by Councilmember Nofziger, to raise the cap on stability pay for employees with over seven years of service to \$1,000 for a cost of \$185,000 to be funded through decreases in skill-based pay, with a friendly amendment by Councilmember Goodman to leave the Planning Departments skill based pay intact, Councilmember Goodman's second, 3-4 vote, Mayor Todd, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, Councilmembers Reynolds and Mitchell voting "NO".
18. Motion by Councilmember Nofziger to add \$40,000 to Parks budget for tree replacement to be funded by a like reduction of the transfer to the Capital Reserve Account, Councilmember Shea's second, 4-3 vote, Mayor Todd, Councilmember Mitchell and Reynolds voting "NO".
19. Motion by Councilmember Nofziger, to add \$61,000 to Library for the Job Information Center to be funded by a like reduction of the transfer to the Capital Reserve Account, Councilmember Goodman's second, 3-4 vote, Mayor Todd, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, Councilmember Mitchell and Reynolds voting "NO".
20. Motion by Councilmember Shea to make various reductions, Skill Based Pay \$55,243, Auditor \$37,388, Municipal Court \$70,000, Consultants \$34,000 and Planning & Development reengineering \$300,000, totaling \$721,000 and transfer \$500,000, from the Capital Reserve Account to reduce the property tax rate.

No second

21. Motion by Councilmember Goodman, to reduce skill-based pay, Consultants \$34,000 and Planning & Development \$300,000, by \$185,000 and transfer that amount to stability pay and increase the cap for employees with seven years of service to \$1,000, Councilmember Shea's second, 4-3 vote, Mayor Todd, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia and Councilmember Reynolds voting "NO".

D. OTHER FUND AMENDMENTS (see attachment)

1. Approved, on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Councilmember Goodman's second, 6-1 vote, Councilmember Shea voting "NO".

Items 2 through 6, approved, on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Councilmember Goodman's second, 7-0.

7. Approved on Councilmember Shea's motion, Councilmember Reynolds' second, 7-0 vote.
8. Motion to approve, on Councilmember Shea's motion, Councilmember Goodman's second, 2-3-2 vote, Mayor Todd, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, and Councilmember Mitchell voting "NO", Councilmember Nofziger and Reynolds abstaining.

Motion fails.

E. AMEND THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS AS FOLLOWS: (see attachment)

Items 1 through 6, approved, on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Councilmember Goodman's

second, 7-0 vote.

F. AMEND THE CULTURAL ARTS FUND AS FOLLOWS: (see attachment)

Items 1 through 3, approved, on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Councilmember Nofziger's second, 7-0.

I. Increase requirements for cultural arts agencies by \$109,105

II. decrease contingency reserve by \$55,996

2. Approve first/second/third reading of an Ordinance adopting and approving the Capital Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1995 and terminating September 30, 1996, and making appropriations for each project and account, including the errata.  
Ordinance No. 950911-B, on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Councilmember Reynolds' second, 5-2 vote, Councilmembers Shea and Nofziger voting "NO".

B. AMEND THE CAPITAL BUDGET AS FOLLOWS: (see attachment)

Approved amendments 1,2 and 4, on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Councilmember Reynolds' second, 7-0 vote.

Approve amendment 3, on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Councilmember Reynolds' second, 6-1 vote, Councilmember Shea voting "NO".

Main motion adopted with the main motion on the Operating Budget.

3. Approve first/second/third reading of an Ordinance fixing and levying Municipal Ad Valorem taxes for the City of Austin, Texas for the fiscal year 1995-96; and for each year thereafter until otherwise provided, directing the assessment and collecting thereof; approval of property tax exemptions for agriculture, historic property, persons with disabilities and elderly persons; validating all prior Ad Valorem taxes.  
Ordinance No. 950911-C, approved, on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Mayor Todd's second, 5-1-1 vote, Councilmember Shea voting "NO", Councilmember Nofziger abstaining.
4. Approve first/second/third reading of an Ordinance authorizing fees, fines and other charges for City services and use of City facilities.  
Ordinance No. 950911-D, approved on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Mayor Todd's second, 6-1 vote, Councilmember Shea voting "NO".

B. AMEND THE FEE SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS: (see attachment)

1. Approved, on Councilmember Reynolds' motion, Councilmember Nofziger's second, 7-0 vote.
2. Approved, on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Councilmember Goodman's second, 7-0 vote.
3. Motion to approve on Councilmember Shea's motion, Councilmember Goodman's second, 2-3-2 vote, Mayor Todd, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, Councilmember Mitchell voting "NO",

Councilmembers Reynolds and Nofziger abstaining.

4. Motion by Councilmember Nofziger to omit increase in Barton Springs entry fee at a revenue decrease of \$100,000, Councilmember Shea's second, 3-4 vote, Mayor Todd, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, Councilmembers Mitchell and Reynolds voting "NO".
5. Approve first/second/third reading of certain Ordinances adopting Rates, as follows:
  - a) Water and Wastewater Retail Rates
  - b) Water and Wastewater Wholesale Rates
  - (a) Ordinance No. 950911-E, approved, on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Councilmember Goodman's second, 7-0 vote.
  - (b) Ordinance No. 950911-F, approved, on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Councilmember Goodman's second, 7-0 vote.
6. Approve first/second/third reading of an Ordinance providing for the classifications and number of positions in each classification of the classified Civil Service of the Police Department. Ordinance No. 950911-G, approved, on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Councilmember Goodman's second, 7-0 vote.
7. Approve first/second/third reading of an Ordinance providing for the classifications and number of positions in each classification of the classified Civil Service of the Fire Department. Ordinance No. 950911-H, approved, on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Councilmember Goodman's second, 7-0 vote.

## RESOLUTIONS

8. Approve Fiscal Year 1995-96 Cultural Arts Services contracts in the amount of \$1,897,180 (Funding available in the Cultural Arts Fund.)  
Approved on, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Councilmember Mitchell's second, 6-0 vote, Councilmember Nofziger off the dais.

Additional motion by Councilmember Shea to increase Austin Contemporary Ballet by \$500, Councilmember Goodman's second.

Motion withdrawn

## ITEMS FROM COUNCIL

9. Adopt a resolution delaying the award of cultural arts contracts and direct the staff to develop a process for awarding contracts with parity and equity. (Council Member Eric Mitchell)  
Motion by Councilmember Mitchell, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's second, for discussion only.

Second withdrawn

ADJOURNED at 5:30 p.m. on Councilmember Shea's motion, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's second.

Approved on this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1995, on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Councilmember Goodman's second, 4-0 vote, Councilmember Mitchell off the dais, Councilmembers Shea and Reynolds temporarily absent.